

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2003
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Morris, Stanton, and Pridemore, Chair, present.

PROCLAMATIONS

Commissioner Pridemore read a proclamation declaring the week of September 14-20, 2003, CVTV week. Donna Mason, Director of CVTV, accepted the proclamation.

Commissioner Pridemore read a proclamation declaring September 23, 2003 to be Declaration of Independence Day in Clark County, Washington. Captain Newsome accepted the proclamation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners conducted the Flag Salute.

BID AWARD 2340

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid Award 2340 – Annual Concrete Culvert. Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo from General Services requesting that Bid 2340 be awarded to the sole bidder. There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Morris to award Bid 2340 to Hanson Pipe and Products of Portland, Oregon, as follows: Category #1 (FOB – Suppliers site) in the total bid amount of \$56,589.89; and Category #2 (FOB – Clark County site) in the total bid amount of \$59,075.60, both including Washington State sales tax, and to grant authority to the County Administrator to sign all related contracts. Commissioners Pridemore, Morris, and Stanton voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 38)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Aston, 11200 NW 12th Avenue, Vancouver, commented on the problem of Level III sex offenders in the Felida area. He said there are as many as eight Level III sex offenders living in the residence located at 1101 NW 109th Street. Mr. Aston said the problem is being addressed and the Department of Corrections is moving three of the Level III sex offenders who are still on parole out of the residence by October 1, 2003. However, he said there are still as many as four Level III offenders in the house at this time. He said there is a problem with the septic system; it's not adequate for the number of adults living in the building. He added that the house was converted from three bedrooms to five and that beds are also being rented out on a monthly basis. Aston requested as much assistance as possible from Code Enforcement to look into the situation, particularly in regard to the number of people residing in the home. He invited

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the Board to attend a community meeting scheduled for October 1, 7 p.m., at Felida Elementary School.

Morris suggested that Mr. Astin invite the Department of Community Development/Code Enforcement so that they can provide information regarding code violations. She asked if Mr. Astin knew whether the drain field was currently failing.

Astin said he didn't know.

Morris said that Mr. Astin could visit with Lou Dooley of the Clark County Health Department because he is very knowledgeable about issues relative to septic systems. *Morris* explained that besides the Level I, II, and III categories of sex offenders, there are also a number of offenders who fall into what they are calling Level IV. She said those individuals have been determined to be a continuing and violent threat and are being housed at a facility in Seattle. She said they may have to deal with these types of offenders due to a court ruling that would send sex offenders back to their community. She reassured Mr. Astin that they are advancing with discussions and that there are legislative strategies that they might possibly pursue.

CONSENT AGENDA

Pridemore indicated that there was a request from staff to pull item 3.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stanton to approve items 1 through 2 and 4 through 10. Commissioners *Pridemore*, *Morris*, and *Stanton* voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 38)

PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG/HOME CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE & EVALUATION REPORT

Held a public hearing to review the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2002 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME). Citizen's comments on the performance of the CDBG and Home Program during the last program year were received.

Pete Munroe, Department of Community Services, presented. *Munroe* explained that during the last program year, July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, the CDBG and HOME programs had expended \$4,996,000 on 31 Community Development and housing projects throughout the county - \$3.6 million in CDBG funds and \$1.3 million in HOME funds. He stated that based on HUD's benefit criteria, 97.4% of the CDBG projects benefited persons who were low and moderate income; all of the HOME funds benefited low and moderate income persons, with the majority at or below 60% of the median area income. *Munroe* explained the Housing and

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Community Development objectives – 1) Increase the supply of affordable housing to renters; 2) Promote home ownership; 3) Create additional housing for special populations, including the Elderly; 4) Preserving housing throughout the county through rehabilitation and weatherization; 5) Create a suitable living environment by increasing the livability of neighborhoods and communities; and 6) Supporting improvements for non-profit organizations. Munroe said the total loans outstanding for both the CDBG and HOME programs are \$6,013,876. He said the purpose of the meeting was to solicit any public comments regarding the performance of the CDBG and HOME programs through the last year. He said that any comments received in writing or in today's hearing would be incorporated into the report when it is submitted to HUD at the end of the month.

Stanton asked Munroe if he had received any comments in writing.

Munroe replied that he had not.

There were no citizen comments received at the hearing.

{It was not necessary for the Board to take any formal action on this issue.}

The Board of County Commissioners' hearing adjourned and they reconvened as the Board of Health.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Morris to approve items 1 through 4. Commissioners Pridemore, Morris and Stanton voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 38)

In reference to item 4 (Department of Ecology Grant for improving water quality in Salmon Creek), Commissioner Morris asked Lou Dooley how many septic systems they may actually be able to repair or hook up.

Lou Dooley, Clark County Health Department, Director of Environmental Services, said it depends on the level of repairs needed, but they thought 10 to 15, possibly 20, with the loan. He said they sought the loan program to provide those low income families that might have a problem with compliance an opportunity to participate in the program. He said it's the entirety of Salmon Creek.

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Hearing adjourned.

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Hearing Reconvened at 2 p.m. for a Bid Opening

Present at the Bid Opening:

Louise Richards, Clerk of the Board; and Mike Westerman, General Services

BID OPENING 2341

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening 2341 – 19-Foot Commercial Grade Boat. Mike Westerman, General Services, stated that there were no responses to this bid. He said that Clark County Purchasing and Public Works would review the specifications to determine what can be modified to allow for a competitive process. He said they would also inquire some of the vendors who received the bid documents to see if it was a matter of timing or restrictions in the bid specifications. Westerman said they would most likely re-advertise the bid at a later time. (See Tape 38)

Hearing adjourned.

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Craig A. Pridemore, Chair

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Judie Stanton/s/
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ATTEST:

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